

Roll Call Report

Here's how area members of congress were recorded on major roll call votes April 28 through May 4.

HOUSE

Ambassador Young: Rejected, 91 for and 318 against, an amendment to prevent United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young from increasing the staff of his Washington office by five persons, to an estimated total of 168. The amendment sought to delete \$80,000 for the five staff salaries from the fiscal 1978 State Department authorization bill (HR 6689), later passed and sent to the senate. Debate centered on Young's performance as ambassador.

Sponsors said Young should be denied the staff increase because "if he continues to make statements that embarrass the United States then we in the U.S. Congress ought not to grant any additional staff to be used to propagandize his views."

Opponents said the \$80,000 would enable Young to communicate better and that "almost every incident that has been blown out of proportion and has been twisted in press reports has been an offhand comment that has been turned into a very serious for-

elign policy statement by the press."

Reps. David Bonior (D-12), William Brodhead (D-17), James Blanchard (D-18), William Broomfield (R-19) and Carl Pursell (R-2) voted "nay."

Vietnam aid: Adopted, 266 for and 131 against, an amendment preventing any money in the fiscal 1978 State Department authorization bill from being spent to negotiate reparations payments to the Vietnamese. The bill (HR 6689) was later passed and sent to the senate.

Although no money in the bill is intended for such negotiations, the sponsor, Rep. John Ashbrook (R-Ohio), said his amendment was a necessary precaution. He viewed the vote as a statement "for the record" on the issue of paying the Vietnamese for war damages. Many opponents of the amendment also oppose reparations, but said Ashbrook's amendment would jeopardize MIA negotiations and noted that HR 6689 was the wrong legislative vehicle for such an amendment.

"I believe the American people would not want to give reparations to the Vietnamese," said Ashbrook. An opponent, Rep. Sonny Montgom-

er (D-Miss.), said he is "afraid that under the gentleman's agreement we could eliminate any talks at all on the return of the MIAs."

Blanchard, Broomfield and Pursell voted "yes."

Bonior and Brodhead voted "nay."

Strip Mining: Passed, 241 for and 64 against, a strip mining bill requiring surface mines of coal to restore land to its approximate original condition.

Honored

Robert A. Steinberg will receive the Jewish Theological Seminary's distinguished service award at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Congregation Shaarey Zedek. Steinberg is a past president of the congregation, a member of the Jewish Seminary Board of Overseers, a seminary patron and president of the Synagogue Council of Greater Detroit and a United Synagogue of America board member.

Among other provisions, the bill (HR 2) would tax mining companies to raise money for such reclamation and protect certain areas such as national park lands from strip mining. States would administer the federal law. A similar bill is nearing floor consideration in the senate.

One supporter, Rep. Leon Panetta (D-Calif.), said: "The issue is a very basic one—we will make use of the technology we now have available to us to restore and preserve the beauty of thousands of acres of land in this nation? I believe we must."

Rep. James Quillen (R-Tenn.), an opponent, said: "Today, as has happened over the past four years, we have the same bad bill before us, trying to hamstring strip mining in the Appalachian area, trying to bring it to a dead halt, trying to stop the production of coal when we need more energy."

Bonior, Brodhead, Blanchard, Broomfield and Pursell voted "yes."



New column looks at handwriting

What does your handwriting tell about you? Are there insights to your personality to be found in the way you slant your letters or scrawl your signature?

Livonian Lorene Green says yes, and she will develop her viewpoint in a new column Write-On!, to appear beginning May 22 in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Mrs. Green, who is certified by the American Association of Handwriting Analysts, plans in her column to deduce personality traits from samples of handwriting and to explain which characteristics of the writing indicate which traits.

Her interest in scriptology began 15 years ago when she heard a speech by another Livonian, Florence Dinsler, who teaches the subject at Schoolcraft College. She has taken a full range of correspondence courses. She now teaches handwriting analysis in the Livonia area and uses her training in other ways, including helping employers choose new workers.

She also is continuing her study in the field, concentrating particularly in the area of children's handwriting. Each of Mrs. Green's columns will



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include a sample of handwriting and her analysis. She will accept samples from readers interested in solving a problem through handwriting study.

Mrs. Green is married to an automotive engineer and has three grown children.

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